Human waste from homeless people makes downtown Miami streets unpleasant, unsanitary

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As the homeless population in downtown Miami has increased, so has the human waste problem. Along Flagler and surrounding streets and sidewalks, you will find feces and urine. People say the city should install more public bathrooms.

Homeless people living on the streets and sidewalks of downtown Miami are also relieving themselves on the streets and sidewalks of downtown Miami, turning the city's core into an outdoor toilet, merchants and residents say.

"The situation is the worst I've seen in my 25 years here," said business owner Jose Goyanes. "The stench is really bad, even after you hose it down. We see people urinating against buildings or pulling their pants down and squatting because they have nowhere else to go."

Deposits of human waste can be seen in planters, doorways, gutters — or right in the middle of the block. The pavement behind the old Macy's department store is soaked with urine. Feces ferment in front of vacant storefronts for days when there's no landlord to clean up. People who work and live downtown are calling in a Code Brown.

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